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INS Arrests Two Mexican Nationals for Document Fraud

Chicago, IL – An investigation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago culminated in the arrest yesterday of 2 Mexican national brothers for the sale and manufacturing of counterfeit Resident Alien cards, Social Security cards and other fraudulent identification documents. Both were criminally charged.

Antonio Cruz-Moran, age 41, and Miguel Angel Cruz-Moran, age 24, were selling the identification cards from their place of business, Fotogenica, located at 124 E. Cass Avenue in Joliet. INS agents initiated the investigation after receiving information from the Joliet Police Department regarding the illegal activity. A total of 3,500 documents were seized by INS special agents for a street value of over \$120,000.

"The INS is cracking down on the manufacturing and selling of counterfeit documents", said Brian R. Perryman, Chicago District Director of the INS. "We will not tolerate this type of fraud being committed against the United States government."

Since fiscal year 1998, October 1997 to present, the INS Chicago district has confiscated over 60,000 counterfeit documents.

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